MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE
59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on February 8, 2005 at 8 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:
 Sen. Jim Elliott, Chairman (D)
 Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
 Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
 Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
 Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
 Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
 Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
 Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)
 Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
 Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
 Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:
 Hearing & Date Posted: SB 345, 2/4/2005; SB 216, 2/4/2005
 Executive Action: SB 216, SB 334, SB 340

EXHIBIT(tas31a01)

00:00:53
HEARING ON SB 345

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. JEFF MANGAN (D), SD 12, opened the hearing on **SB 345,** Revise tax increment financing district laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:21	**Evan Barrett, Governor's Office on Economic Development**
00:10:37	**Tim Burton, City Manager, City of Helena**
00:12:11	**Steve Golnar, City Manager, City of Livingston**
00:13:33	**Mike McGinley, Beaverhead County Commissioner, Montana Economic Development Association board member**
00:14:45	**Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Planners**
00:15:09	**Jani McCaul, City of Billings**
00:15:57	**Chris Behen, City of Missoula**
00:18:42	**James Patrick, City of Kalispell**

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:17:37   **Dolores Cooney, Department of Revenue**

00:22:08
Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:42   **Debbie Jurcich, Department of Revenue**

00:49:54
Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:41
HEARING ON SB 216

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. GREG LIND (D), SD 50, requested that the Taxation Committee table SB 216, Household fee for voluntary private land conservation.

01:01:05

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 216

Motion/Vote: SEN. TOOLE moved that SB 216 BE TABLED. Motion carried 6-3 by voice vote with SEN. BLACK, SEN. ESSMANN, and SEN. STORY voting no.

01:03:24

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Dan Bucks, Director, Department of Revenue, discussed the revenue implications to the State of Montana from H.R. 3220 in the 108th Congress of the United States.

EXHIBIT(tas31a02)

01:25:28
DISCUSSION

02:00:09

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 323

Motion: SEN. BLACK moved that SB 323 DO PASS.

Motion/Vote: SEN. BLACK moved that SB 323 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXHIBIT(tas31a03)

02:06:53 **Suspended action on the bill to await the fiscal note.**

02:07:44

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 334

Motion/Vote: SEN. GEBHARDT moved that SB 334 BE TABLED. Motion carried 7-2 by voice vote with SEN. KITZENBERG and SEN. TOOLE voting no.

EXHIBIT(tas31a04)

02:08:17

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 340

Motion: SEN. ESSMANN moved that SB 340 DO PASS.

Motion/Vote: SEN. ESSMANN moved that SB 340 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXHIBIT(tas31a05)

Motion/Vote: SEN. ESSMANN moved that SB 340 BE AMENDED to read that only one tax credit per residence is allowed. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion/Vote: SEN. ESSMANN moved that SB 340 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:16:55

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 271

Motion: SEN. ELLIOTT moved that SB 271 DO PASS.

Motion/Vote: SEN. ELLIOTT moved that SB 271 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXHIBIT(tas31a06)

Motion: SEN. ELLIOTT moved that SB 271 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Motion: SEN. ELLIOTT withdrew his motion that SB 271 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:36 A.M.

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SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

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KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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